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Superior Court of California County of Calaveras

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Hugh K. Swift Court Executive Officer Clerk of the Court

September 5, 2012

Ms. Jody Patel Interim Administrative Director Administrative Office of the Courts 455 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102-3688

Re: Notice of Limited Service Days

Dear Jody:

Please see the attached "Notice of Limited Service Days". Please consider this notice to the Judicial Council, as required by Government Code Section 68106(b), the Calaveras Superior Court intends to implement limited service days effective November 21, 2012.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Hugh K. Swift



Superior Court of California County of Calaveras

NOTICE OF LIMITED SERVICE DAYS CALAVERAS SUPERIOR COURT (Government Code Section 68106)

<u>PLEASE TAKE NOTICE</u> the Calaveras Superior Court will offer only limited services on the following dates:

Wednesday, November 21, 2012	Friday, February 15, 2013
Monday, December 24, 2012	Friday, March 29, 2013
Monday, December 31, 2012	Friday, May 24, 2013
Friday, January 18, 2013	Friday, July 5, 2013
Monday, February 11, 2013	Monday, July 8, 2013

On limited service days:

- The Clerk's office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to receive payments in criminal and traffic matters only.
- Limited service days are <u>not</u> considered court holidays for purposes of calculating statutory time requirements. Therefore, a drop-box will be provided to accept documents for filing with the court. All documents placed in the drop-box prior to 4:30 p.m. will receive a "Filed" date equal to the date deposited.
- One department will remain open to hear all mandatory last-day criminal matters, incustody criminal arraignments, juvenile detention hearings, and handle other emergency matters only. All other matters will be heard on the next available court day.

Limited service days are necessary due to ongoing and anticipated reductions to the Court's budget. As a part of the Judicial Branch of government, the Superior Court receives its annual budget allocation through the Judicial Council of California, which is an entity funded by the State. Due to the State's budget crisis, the amount of funding the trial courts receive from the Judicial Council has significantly decreased in recent years. The Court expects these reductions to continue for the foreseeable future.

In the current fiscal year (2012-13), Court funding was reduced by more than \$900,000. The Court will face further budget reductions in fiscal year 2013-14. As a result of these funding reductions, the Court has not filled vacant staff positions, implemented a voluntary furlough program and will implement other costs savings measures.